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*Case of plague on steamship Gaelic.*

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, May 2, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that a very malignant case of bubonic plague occurred on board the O. and O. steamship *Gaelic*, on the voyage from Hongkong to Shanghai, under the following circumstances, and that precautionary measures were taken as detailed below:

April 17, morning, case detected; isolated; all bedding and clothing destroyed; died same evening; body thrown overboard. April 18, morning, arrived Woosung, just below Shanghai, where local health authorities fumigated steerage with sulphur, destroyed all mats in steerage, and washed sacking bottoms of bunks and floor with chloride of lime; left Woosung April 19. Arrived Nagasaki Quarantine Station April 21 at daylight, and were immediately placed in quarantine and disinfection begun. Everyone on board was taken on shore, with all bedding and baggage, passengers and crews given hot baths of weak bichloride of mercury, their clothes, bedding, and all effects being disinfected by steam, and the whole ship, to which either crew or passengers had access during the voyage, washed with carbolic acid solution. The ship was detained in quarantine until noon of April 29, or for seven full days after the completion of disinfection.

For the information of the Bureau officers, a copy of this has been appended to the bills of health of the ship.

Very respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE,  
*Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

## STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

*Report of plague at Penang.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, D. C., May 27, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor, by direction of the Secretary of State, to inform you that a telegram has just been received from the consul-general at Singapore, Straits Settlements, reporting the presence of the plague at Penang.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

THOS. W. CRIDLER,  
*Third Assistant Secretary.*

The honorable the SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

## MEXICO.

*Report from Vera Cruz.*

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, May 17, 1899.

SIR: Your communication dated May 9 has just been received. I will follow instructions in regard to communicating with the quarantine officers at the Texas border, but at present there is nothing special to report.

There were 22 new cases of yellow fever reported yesterday and 6 deaths. There is no smallpox in the city. There are 4 cases in the